GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam – Retired on 31.03.2007 - Departmental proceedings under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 read with Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Imposition of penalty of "Withholding of ten percent (10%) of monthly pension permanently" against the Charged Officer Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.) – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 51 **Dated: 24-07-2025**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, letter Rc.No.203/RCA-WVP/2005-S11, dated 17.09.2007.
2) G.O.Ms.No.72, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Department, dated 03.06.2008.
3) Govt. Memo.No.10131/For.IV(1)/2005-3, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Dept., dated 02.06.2008.
4) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, letter Ref.No.52626/ 2005/A&DC-2, dated 27.02.2023.
5) Govt. Memo.No.10131/Sec.IV/2005, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 15.09.2023 and even no. dated 22.06.2024.
6) From Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Asst. Conservator of Forests (Retd.), Representations, dated 03.12.2023 and 28.08.2024.
7) Govt. Memo.No.10131/Sec.IV/2005, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 09.04.2025.
8) From Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Asst. Conservator of Forests (Retd.), Written Representation, dated 22.06.2025.

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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad in the final report 1st read above, orders have been issued in G.O.2nd read above, according sanction for initiating departmental proceedings against Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as he was retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2007.

2. In the Government Memo. 3rd above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri was requested to initiate departmental action against Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam, under the provisions of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and in association with representative of Bureau.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that the following Articles of Charges were issued to Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.) by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Hyderabad in ef.No.52626/2005/PXA3, dated 21.06.2008, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

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Article-I:*"That Sri Kemburi Siva Prasada Rao, S/o Surapu Naidu joined the Forest Department on 01.10.1976 as Assistant Forest Range Officer. Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao underwent training at A.P. School of Forestry, Yellandu from 01.10.1976 to 31.03.1977 and worked as Asst. Estate Manager, Coffee Plantation Project at Chinthapalli from 01.04.1977 to 28.02.1979 and underwent training at Forest Training College at Chandrapur from 01.03.1979 to 29.02.1980 and worked as Asst. Range Officer, Narsipatnam Division from 07.03.1980 to 28.02.1981 and got promotion as Forest Range Officer on 14.05.1981 and worked as such at Kurupam, Narsipatnam, Srikakulam, Ranasthalam, Kasibugga, Vizianagaram, Narsipatnam, Mutta Regulations, Narsipatnam and as Asst. Curator, Zoo Park, Visakhapatnam. He got promotion as Asst. Conservator of Forests on 09.09.2000 and worked as Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu and Parvathipuram and Divisional Forest Officer, (P&E), Srikakulam upto 09.11.2005. While working as such he has committed grave misconduct in as much as not obtaining prior permission from the competent authority, not given prior intimation for acquiring and disposing of the following movable and immovable properties in his name and in the name of his wife Smt. K.Chudamani as contemplated under Rule 9 (1) A.P. Civil Services (Conduct), Rules, 1964:*

1. Acquired agricultural land measuring Ac.3.04 cents in Sy.No.225/2 and 192 at Bukkuru Village in the name of his wife Smt K.Chudamani.
2. Acquired Ac.0.60 cents of agricultural land in Sy.No.275/1 and another Ac.0.30 cents at Devudala Village in the name of his wife Smt. K. Chudamani.
3. Acquired Ac.0.30 cents agricultural land in Sy.No.192/1 at Devudala Village.
4. Acquired a house site admeasuring about 28 Sq. yards at a Kagu Veedhi Devudala Village in his name.
5. Acquired agricultural land admeasuring about 0.30 cents in Sy.No.192/1, Devudala Village, Ragidi Amadalavalasa Mandal, Srikakulam District in his name.
6. Constructed a building on the inherited land at Devudala Village in his name.
7. Acquired house site admeasuring about 144.5 Sq. yards at Balaga Ward, Srikakulam in his name.
8. Sold away the above house site admeasuring about 144.5 Sq. Yards at Balaga Ward, Srikakulam.
9. Acquired house site admeasuring about 267 sq. yards vide Plot No.55, at Sy.No.112/2, Jagadambanagar, Vizianagaram in the name of his wife Smt. K. Chudamani.
10. Acquired house site admeasuring about 172 sq. yards vide Plot No.56, at Sy.No.112/2, Jagadambanagar, Vizianagaram in the name of his wife Smt. K. Chudamani.
11. Acquired two storied house vide D.No.2-33-10, SBI Colony, MVP layout, Visakhapatnam in his name and his wife Smt. K. Chudamani.

Article-II:" *That Sri Kemburi Siva Prasada Rao while working as public servant in the above capacities, he has committed grave misconduct in as much as not informing to the competent authority about the acquiring of the Bajaj Chetak Scooter bearing No.AP 31 N 4284, which was purchased in his name in the year 1998 as contemplated under Rule 9(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".*

Article-III*:"That Sri Kemburi Siva Prasada Rao while working as public servant in the above capacities, he has failed to submit his Annual Property Returns to the Competent Authority during his service from*

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1976 to 1987, 1990, 1992 to 1998, 2002 to 2004 as contemplated under rule 9 (7) of A.P.CS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w 9(2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980".

4. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Articles of Charges on 14.07.2008 but did not submit his written statement of defense. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Hyderabad has appointed the Conservator of Forests, P&E Circle, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer and the Inspector of Police, ACB as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.52626/2005/PXA3 (i&ii), dated 06.10.2008, for conducting the regular inquiry. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Hyderabad has re-appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, SF&WP Circle, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer in Proc.No.52626/2005/P3, dated 13.04.2011 and the Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.52626/2005/Vig-1, dated 30.06.2018.

5. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, SF&WP Circle, Visakhapatnam has completed the Inquiry and submitted his findings in Rc.No.685/2008/E, dated 30.11.2022, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that all the three (3) charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved beyond any reasonable doubt.

6. In the Government Memo. 5th read above, while communicating a copy of the findings of the Inquiry Officer i.e., Chief Conservator of Forests, SF&WP Circle, Visakhapatnam, the Charged Officer was directed to submit his representation, if any, under Rule 21(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of findings of the Inquiry Officer but did not submit any written representation.

7. In the reference 6th read above, Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.) has submitted representations wherein, he has stated that, his ACB case is posted on 04.09.2024 for his evidence and it will take minimum (3) months to complete his evidence in all (3) aspects i.e., Assets, Income and Expenditure in the Hon'ble ACB Court. As such, he is not in a position to submit his written statement on the findings of inquiry officer in the case. He has, therefore, requested to accord permission minimum (3) months time to submit his detailed reply on the findings of inquiry officer. Even after lapse of three (3) months time, the individual has not submitted any representation.

8. After careful examination of the matter keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of "Withholding of ten percent (10%) of monthly pension permanently" against Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Govt. Memo. 7th read above, a Show-Cause Notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer, for submission of his representation if any, on the proposed penalty. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Show-cause Notice and submitted his written representation vide reference 8th read above wherein, he did not put-forth any new/valid/fresh points to consider his representation.

9. Government after careful examination of the entire matter, have decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of ten percent (10%) of monthly pension permanently" against Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "Withholding of ten percent (10%) of monthly pension permanently" against Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Siva Prasad Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer (P&E), Srikakulam **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi
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SECTION OFFICER